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- 1. The GEORGI DIMITROV, built in the USSR, is at Varna; she has a crew of 300 men, for the most part trained in the USSR. The ship is under repair and is always having machinery trouble.
- 2. With the GEORGI DIMITROV came two smaller vessels: the DRALCHIK, with a crew of 150, and an unidentified companion vessel, both of which have one gun of unknown caliber forward, and one gun aft. Each vessel has two torpedo tubes.
- 3. There is a total of approximately 50 naval vessels in Varna, including a small fleet of mine sweepers and small torpedo boats, the latter being armed with machine guns and torpedo tubes. Five larger ships are expected at Varna.
- 4. The naval commander at Varna is Rear Admiral Bronemir Ormanov, a Bulgarian who was raised in the USSR. Ormanov has been directing training courses for naval officers, which started in January 1952.
- 5. The naval munitions depot is at Tuhla Kula (sic) on the Lake of Varna.

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